**LAKE WAUSAU ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**September 25, 2014**

**Nueske’s at Gulliver’s Landing, 6:30 pm**

**Call to Order**

Russ Graveen, President of the Board, called the meeting to order. Board members also present were Theresa Graveen, Holly Kohl, Rick Parkin, Mark Peter, Jim Wagner, Sherri Wagner and Al Weinkauf. Other members present were Steve Akey, Don and Julie Brekke, Pam Bright, Seth Calonder, Trent Clark, Steve Grams, Scott Grams, Mark Heinrich, Casey Jones, Patti Linehan, Edward Marcott, Ralph Merwin, Dave Nowak, Brenda Purdy, Mike Steele, David Tylinski, Jim and Diane VanEyck, Kathy Weinkauf, and Larry Zinson.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the previous annual meeting on September 26, 2013 were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made and seconded. Motion was approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Holly Kohl, Treasurer, presented the treasurer’s report. The report detailed cash inflows and outflows and compared 2014 YTD with 2013 YTD. The balance of the general checking account is $25 525.29. The balance of the restricted project fund account is $20,101.18. The total is $45,626.47. A motion to accept the treasurer’s report was made and seconded. Motion carried.

**Committee Chairperson’s Reports**

**Finance Committee**

Holly Kohl, Treasurer of the Board and Chair of the Finance Committee, presented a summary of the May 19, 2014 fundraiser. It was a big success. We had 20 volunteers this year and are looking to double that number for next year. Please contact the board if you are interested in helping out. Thanks to everyone that attended and donated to the event. Donation acknowledgement letters will be mailed out toward the end of the year. The 250 tickets for the event were sold out. The net profit was $15307.24.

**Membership Committee**

Sherri Wagner, Secretary and Chair of the Membership Committee, reported that our total membership for 2014 was 182 members. For 2013 the total is 111 members. The committee had new members that helped get more things accomplished this year. We mailed to boat landing users asking them to become members, as well as, other mailings. We set up a booth at the Central Wisconsin Sports Show at Cedar Creek. We had floating key chains made and are working on a new brochure to be distributed around the community.

**Weed & Algae Committee**

Rick Parkin, Co-Chair of the Weed and Algae Committee, stated that this year a pilot program of weed harvesting could be done. We budgeted $12000 for this. This was for 80 acres. Since the weather was not as conducive for weed growth this year, only about 50 acres could actually be harvested. The actual cost was $7950. We will look to increase the acreage and areas next year. The harvesting will most likely be harvesting twice a year. We have a portion of the lake study project that still needs to be finished. This is the hydrodynamic modeling by the Army Corp of Engineers. It will tell us about the water movement on the lake and ways to improve it. Completion of the study was set at December 31, 2014. We will need to apply for an extension. Once all the portions are complete we will work on developing the lake management plan. This will be a long-term maintenance plan for the lake. There will be notices posted so that interested members can be involved in the planning meetings.

**Election of Directors**

3 board member seats are open for election this year. Al Weinkauf, Jim Wagner, and Theresa Graveen hold these positions. All have accepted nominations for reelection. After receiving no other nominations from the floor, a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for these members was made and seconded. The motion carried.

**Old Business**

* **Facebook Account**

Rick Parkin will open a Facebook account under the name of Friends of Lake Wausau since someone else has a Lake Wausau Association account already. We will email members when this is set up.

**New Business**

* **Name Change**

The thought of changing the name of the association is being discussed due to a number of people making comments to the board members that since they are not riparian owners, they should not be Lake Wausau Association members. We would like a name that is less exclusive. We have considered the name “Friends of Lake Wausau.” Another idea was “Lake Wausau Recreational Association” or “Lake Wausau Friends.” We could also look at a fresh, new logo. It was mentioned that the first words should be “Lake Wausau” to make it better for people searching on the Internet. It was decided that this can be discussed again at the member’s social and have a final vote at next year’s annual meeting. We will continue to ask for more ideas.

* **Insurance Coverage**

We have board of directors and officers insurance and general liability coverage for non-profit organizations. This is through Spectrum Insurance Company. The annual premium for both policies is $1300.

* **Membership Fee Schedule**

Discussion was initiated concerning the membership fee schedule. Currently there is a single membership fee and a family fee. The family membership consists of 2 votes and 1 vote for a single membership. A motion was made to have one membership fee for $25, which would include one vote per membership. It was seconded. The motion carried.

* **Bull Gill Bay Clean Up Effort**

The Rotary Club is thinking about doing some work on the pond at Blue Gill Bay. They have received $20000 from the Greenheck Corp. for the study portion. They would like to clean up the pond. The Lake Association would like to offer any help that we can give for this effort. Some of the study that we have done for Lake Wausau may be able to save them money and time for their study.

**CALENDAR**

* The next annual meeting will be the third Thursday of September in 2015.
* The member social meeting will be held in late January or early February. If anyone has ideas for speakers, please notify the board. A suggestion to have the DNR fish biologist, Tom Meronek to speak again. January 29 was suggested for a date.
* Lake Management Planning Meetings – watch your email and the web site for notices of these meeting.

**Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Sherri Wagner, Secretary